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SUBJECT: MBFR: SPC EXPERTS MEETING ON OPTION III

REF: USNATO 3230 DTG 111807Z JUNE 75

1. SPC ON JUNE 12 AGREED T DATES OF FIRST SPC MEETING REINFORCED BY EXPERTS TO CONSIDER U.S. PROPOSAL ON OPTION III: JUNE 23-24.

THE MEETING ON JUNE 23-WILL RUN FROM 11:30 TO 13:00, AND FROM 14:15 TO 18:00. THE JUNE 24 MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 09:30. THESE DATES WERE FAVORED BY HEAVY MAJORITY OF SPC.

2. UK REP (LOGAN) STATED THAT UK DID NOT INTEND TO SEND EXPERTS FROM LONDON TO THESE MEETINGS, BUT WOULD BE REPRESENTED BY UK DELDTATION AT NATO. HE DID NOT OTHERWISE COMMENT ON PRICEDUCRE. PORTUGUESE REP (MACEDO) SAID THAT LISBON WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT SEND AN EXPERT. THIS WAS FIRST TIME IN RECENT MEMORY THAT PORTUGUESE ATTENDED AN
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SPC MEETING DEVOTED EXCLUSIVELY TO MBFR SUBJECTS.

3. REASON WHY REINFORCED SPC MEETING WILL BEGIN JUNE 23 WAS IN COMMON VIEW EXPRESSED IN INTERVENTION BY ITALIAN

(SPINELLI), BELGIAN (WILLOT) AND TURKISH(GUR) REPS THAT IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE TO DELAY BECAUSE THEIR EXPERTS WOULD BE ATTENDING NPG MINISTERIAL NEXT WEEK. THSE REPS, ALONG WITH CANADIAN (ROY) AND GREEK (RAPHAEL), INITIALLY SPOKE OF A NOE DAY MEETING ON JUNE 23, BUT U.S. REP (PEREZ) SAID THAT REINFORCED SPC WOULD NEED TWO DAYS, WITH POSSIBLITY OF A THIRD DAY, TO GO THROUGH THE U.S. PAPER, IDENTIFY AND ANSWER QUESTIONS, AND DECIDE ON AREAS WHERE FURTHER DISCUSSION MIGHT BE NEEDED.

4. COMMENT: MISSION BEIEVES FIRST MEETING WILL FOCUS ON INITIAL EXAMINATION OF THE U.S PAPER, WITH OPPORTUNITY FOR U.S TI EXPLAIN IT TO SPC AND VISITING EXPERTS,AND TO DETERMINE FURTHER WORK NEEDED. NATO DELEGATIONS AND NON-U.S. EXPERTS WILL THEN REPOT BACK TO THEIR CAPITALS. WE DOUBT THAT FIRST MEETING WILL GET DEEPLY INTO SUBSTANC SINCE MOST DELEGATIONS, EXCEPT FOR UK AND FRG, AND POSSIBLY DUTCH AND BELGIANS, WILL NOT YET BE PREPARED. WE BELIEVE SECOND MEETING SHOJLD TAKE PLANCE A WEEK OR TEN DAYS LATER, TO ALLOW TIME FOR EDUCATION OF DECISION MAKERS IN CAPITALS ON RESULTS OF FIRST MEETING.

5. MISSION REQUEST THAT U.S. EXPERTS PLAN TO COME TO MISSION AT 0900 JUNE 23 TO PREPARE FOR THE REINFORCED SPC MEETING. IN ADDITION, SOME OR ALL OF THE U.SM EXPERTS MAY WISH TO ALLOW FOR A THIRD DAY INBURSSELS, JUNE 25, IN CASE IT DEVELOPS THAT BILATERALS ON THAT DATE WOULD BE USEFUL.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: NAMES, TITLES, AND RANKS OF WASHINGTON EXPERTS, AS WELL AS ARRIVAL INFORMATION AND HOTEL NEEDS.

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